

Delaware to hold Memorial Commemoration at Gettysburg Battlefield

With November being the special time of the year to remember our veterans, the State of Delaware will be holding a memorial service at the Gettysburg National Military Park for the Delaware troops who fought at the Battle of Gettysburg. One of the most important battles in world history, Gettysburg was a turning point in the American Civil War as the Union victory repulsed the Confederate forces final attempt to invade the north.

Delaware will commemorate its troops on Monday, November 4, with a ceremony at 2:00 p.m. at the site of the 1st Delaware Infantry Monument on Cemetery Ridge. This is the location where the First Delaware Infantry Regiment was stationed during the second and third days of the battle.

To promote participation and attendance for the event, the Delaware Heritage Commission and the Delaware Public Archives are sponsoring a coach bus trip to the Gettysburg National Battlefield. There is no fee for the bus and a free tour of the battlefield will be provided.

The bus will leave the Delaware Public Archives on Monday, November 4, at 8:00 a.m. and will arrive at the Gettysburg National Battlefield Visitor Center approximately 11:15 a.m. There will be some time to get lunch and explore the Visitor Center before re-boarding at 12:45 p.m. to receive a tour of the battlefield. At 1:45 p.m., the bus will bring everyone to the site of the 1st Delaware Infantry Monument where the ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m.

One of the features of the ceremony will be the laying of a wreath by the State of Delaware to honor the Delaware soldiers

who fought and died at the battle. Other groups will have the opportunity to lay a wreath at the site. Please contact Suzan Voshell, (302) 744-5050, if your group wishes to lay a wreath at the ceremony.

Following the conclusion of the ceremony, the bus will return immediately to Delaware, arriving at the Delaware Public Archives at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Space is limited. All reservations must be made by Friday, November 1. Reserve your seats today! (302) 744-5050.

For more information about the Delaware Public Archives, please visit the website at archives.delaware.gov. You can also become a follower of [the Archives Facebook page](#) and read [the Archives blog](#) to learn more about events and other items of interest at the Archives.

The Delaware Public Archives is located at 121 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard North in Dover. The Mabel Lloyd Ridgely Research Room is open to the public Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. On the second Saturday of every month the research room is open from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

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